PROTECT & RESPECT Mountain **CATS & CANINES** lion **Bobcat** Coyote **Gray fox**

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BOBCAT

Description: Tan colored, with a short bobtail

Size: 10-40 pounds; 3-4 feet long

Lifespan: up to 7-10 years in the wild (average life

expectancy is 3-4 years)

Diet: Carnivore - Rabbits, rodents,

birds, snakes, young deer

Behavior: Solitary and elusive and most active just after

dusk and before dawn

Fun fact: Bobcats got their name because of their short tails

that measure up around 6 inches long

Threats: Collisions with cars, habitat loss, rodenticide

poisoning, and disease



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MOUNTAIN

Description: Tan colored, with a long tail that

measures up to 3 feet, around 2/3 the length of its body

Size: 60-150+ pounds; 7-8 feet long

Lifespan: 8-13 years in the wild

Diet: Carnivore - Deer, wild hogs, rabbits, rodents, birds

Behavior: Solitary (lives alone except to mate) and

crepuscular (active after dawn and before dusk)

Fun fact: Also known as pumas, cougars, and panthers,

mountain lions are a protected species in California

Threats: Habitat loss and fragmentation of their home range due to development





Description: Grayish brown coat, large ears, slender muzzle, and a big bushy tail over a foot long

Size: 20-40 pounds; 3 feet long

Lifespan: 10 years old in the wild (Many do not make it to 3 years old)

Diet: Carnivore - Rabbits, rodents, birds and other small animals

Behavior: Live in packs (with others) and crepuscular (active after dawn and before dusk)

Fun fact: Coyotes are critical to controlling rodent populations

Threats: Collisions with cars, habitat loss, and disease



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GRAY FOX

Description: Salt and pepper gray coat, red legs and chest, and a light tan underside. Bushy tail with a black tip and a black stripe along the top.

A thin black stripe on its face that runs from the outside corner of each eye to the sides of the head

Size: 8-15 pounds; around 3 feet long

Lifespan: 7-10 years old

Diet: Omnivore - Small mammals, eggs, fruit, birds, insects, nuts, berries, and lizards

Behavior: Solitary and nocturnal (active at night) or crepuscular (after dawn and before dusk)

Fun fact: Gray foxes are one of two species of the canid family that can climb trees

Threats: Illegal pet trade, habitat loss, and predation from other animals.